

NE7 On page 310, line 22, please replace "Fig. 7" with --Figs. 7a and 7b--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 22-25.

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A telephone for use with a first network having a predetermined allocated bandwidth and a second network having a variable bandwidth, the telephone comprising:

a microphone;

a user interface;

an interface circuit that selectively couples to the first and second networks, the first and second networks operating substantially independent of one another;

processing circuitry, coupled to the user interface and the interface circuit, that directs the interface circuit to select one of the first and second networks; and

an analog to digital converter that is coupled between the microphone and the second network by the processing circuitry when the second network is selected [The telephone of claim 22,] wherein the processing circuitry responds to the user interface to determine which of the first and second networks to select.

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27. (Amended) The telephone of claim [22] ¹~~26~~, wherein the first network comprises a telephony network.

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28. (Amended) The telephone of claim ²~~27~~, wherein the second network comprises the Internet.

29. (Amended) A network telephone that couples to the Internet, the network telephone comprising:

a buffer that stores incoming digital voice information;

an interface circuit that couples to the Internet; and

processing circuitry, coupled to the interface circuit and the buffer, that directs the storage of the incoming digital voice information into the buffer for a queuing period of a duration that corresponds to propagation delay through the Internet to attempt to prevent periods of blanking during voice reproduction.

Please add the following new claims:

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~~35.~~ (New) The telephone of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the user interface receives an alphanumeric sequence, and the processing circuitry utilizes the alphanumeric sequence to establish communication on the first network.

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~~36.~~ (New) The telephone of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the alphanumeric sequence comprises a telephone number.

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~~37.~~ (New) The telephone of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the user interface receives an alphanumeric sequence, and the processing circuitry utilizes the alphanumeric sequence to establish communication on the second network.